Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any danger of spreading of the disease on account of the wandering of the lepers?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): There is.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): May I know what steps the Government have taken? In the answer it is stated that every possible steps have been taken.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): Government is at present maintaining a Leper Colony at Adoor at a cost of about Rs. 50,000, an amount which is far disproportionate to the revenue of the State and much more than any other State is spending. That is item No. 1. In almost every hospital and dispensary leper clinics have been started where free treatment is given to those who go there, on modern lines.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know how many leper patients the Leper Asylum accommodates?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): There are at present 302 treatables, 20 Burnt-outs, and 5 untainted children of lepers.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (*Jews*): What is meant by burnt-outs?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): Burnt-out patients are those in whom leprosy has had its ravages and though they look to the ordinary man as lepers they are free from the contagion of leprosy even though they go out, because the disease has burnt itself out.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Why should this burnt-outs be kept in the Asylum?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): It is simply out of pure humane consideration because they are very poor. They are handicapped to earn their livelihood because they have lost their limbs. They are rather unsightly when they lie on the road.

SHANMUKHAM CANAL—IRINJALAKKUDA.

127. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

what progress has the Shanmukham Canal of Irinjalakkuda made?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Land acquisition proceedings are nearing completion. The works have also been let on contract.

128. **Mr. P. Govinda Menon** (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the works with respect to the proposed "Shanmukham Canal" Irinjalakkuda have been started;

(*b*) what the estimated cost of the scheme would be;

(*c*) what amount has already been spent for the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Land acquisition proceedings are nearing completion. The works have also been let on contract.

(*b*) Rs. 1,78,500.

(*c*) Rs. 945—11—0.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): When were the works let on contract?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon: (*Chief Engineer*): I want notice. It is about two months ago.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Why were the works let on contract before the land acquisition proceedings were over?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): The works were let on contract because the contractors have got to make themselves ready to take up the works, and it was hoped that the land acquisition proceedings would be completed in a short time.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): May I know for what purpose this Rs. 945—11—0 was spent?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): We had to employ a staff for log splitting the land and also to take final levels. So the expenditure shown there is for payment of the staff specially appointed for the work.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know, Sir, whether the necessary tenders were called for?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): What is the tender deduction?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*) : I want notice.

KODAKARA-VELLIKULANGARA ROAD.

129. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state the period required for completing the Kodakara-Vellikulangara road in Mattathoor village ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): According to the Road Board programme this road work is to be taken up in 1114 and completed in 1116.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): What is the amount allotted for 1114 ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*) : The estimate for the work is about Rs. 4,500.

ANGLO-INDIANS—ADMISSION TO THE MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE.

130. Mr. C. J. Luiz (*Anglo-Indians*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many Anglo-Indian boys applied from this State for admission into the Junior Intermediate class and the Junior B. A. class of the Maharaja's College this year; of them, how many were selected for admission in the first instance and admission cards sent;

(*b*) how many boys and girls belonging to the Anglo-Indian community have been actually admitted to these classes now;

(*c*) will the Government kindly consider the desirability of reserving a few seats to the Anglo-Indian community in the Junior Intermediate, Junior B. A., and the first year B. Sc., classes of the Maharaja's College from next year onwards ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Four boys to the Junior Intermediate class.

None to the B.A.

None were selected for admission in the first instance.

(*b*) Two boys and one girl in the Junior Intermediate class.

(*c*) Seats cannot be reserved; but some special consideration will be shown to the students of the community whenever necessary.

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